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**JAN 28 2013**

Clerk, U.S District Court  
District Of Montana  
Missoula

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA

BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Cause No. CR 06-20-BU-DWM
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
	)	TO REDUCE SENTENCE
CHAD EVERETT MEEKS,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

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On January 17, 2013, the Clerk of Court received a letter from Defendant Chad Meeks, a federal prisoner proceeding pro se. On June 15, 2007, Meeks was sentenced to a term of 36 months in prison. Judgment (doc. 21) at 2. He asks for a six-month reduction to improve his chances of being placed in a halfway house, which, in turn, might result in his obtaining a pass to attend his daughter's graduation.

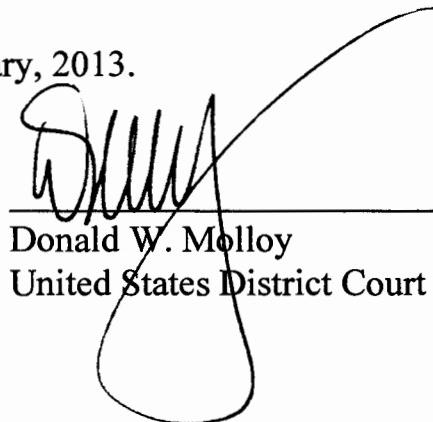
The Clerk has no authority to alter a judgment. Consequently, the letter is construed as a motion to the Court to reduce the sentence.

Once a sentence is imposed, a court's authority to alter it is limited. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c). The Director of the Bureau of Prisons has not filed a motion to reduce the

sentence. *Id.* § 3582(c)(1)(A). He has not shown that the Sentencing Commission has lowered his guideline range. *Id.* § 3582(c)(2). More than fourteen days have passed since judgment was entered. Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(a). The United States has not filed a motion to reduce the sentence. Fed. R. Crim. P. 35(b). Meeks has not filed a motion to vacate, set aside, or correct the sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The Court is not aware of any other statutory authority that authorizes a reduction of the sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(B). The law does not permit the Court to do what Meeks asks.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Meeks's letter, construed as a motion to the Court to reduce the sentence (doc. 24), is DENIED.

DATED this 25 day of January, 2013.

  
Donald W. Molloy  
United States District Court